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MEMORANDUM FOR: Karl D. Ackerman  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security  
Department of State

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Chairman

SUBJECT: Nomination of Chairman for Security  
Advisory Group USSR

Your nomination of Mr. Maclyn H. Musser as replacement  
for Mr. Verne St. Mars as Chairman of the Security Advisory  
Group USSR is most welcome and accepted.

Mac has been known to many of us for many years in many  
different dimensions of security work. Our relationship has  
always been first rate and we have commended the Department  
on having such outstanding officers. I agree with you com-  
pletely that he is eminently well qualified to head the  
Security Advisory Group. I will endorse his nomination most  
positively at the next meeting of the Security Committee,  
and I believe that Mac's excellent reputation will gain for  
us his unanimous acceptance.

Thank you for your proposal.

I would like to add that I am personally sorry that  
Verne is leaving us. He too has a long and strong association  
over the years and, while I wish him the very best in the  
future in all endeavors, I feel we will be the poorer for  
his absence. Please express my thanks to him for his hard  
work and excellent results as Chairman of the group.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Chairman, Security Committee  
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: Karl D. Ackerman

Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Security

SUBJECT: Nomination of Chairman for Special

Advisory Group, U.S.S.R.

As you probably know, Verne St. Mars plans to retire in August of this year. Verne has chaired the SAG Subcommittee since its inception, and is desirous of turning over the reins of control of the important work of his group to a successor at an early date.

I would like to propose for your consideration the nomination of Maclyn H. Musser as Verne's replacement. Mac, as you may know, is a senior (FSRU-2) level security engineer. He headed STATINTL SY's Technical Services Division for several years; served as the OIC, of SY's engineering services centers in Manila and Frankfurt; and spent several years assigned to Embassy, Moscow, as our Security Engineering Officer. He has just completed a year of systems training at MIT, and it is my intent to assign him to the Moscow project on a full-time basis.

Given his broad technical background and his intimacy with the microwave and other of our security programs and concerns in Moscow, I believe that Mac is eminently well qualified to head the SAG Subcommittee.

Your early response to this proposal is solicited.

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